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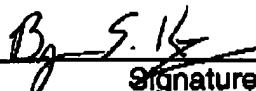
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Eric Steven SCHINDLER ) Group Art Unit: 1772  
Serial No. 10/783,028 ) Examiner: TBD  
Filed: February 23, 2004 ) Docket No. 005127.00257 RECEIVED  
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INCORPORATING A FOAM TENSILE )  
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Applicant respectfully requests that the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form be made officially of record, and that a listing of the documents appear on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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